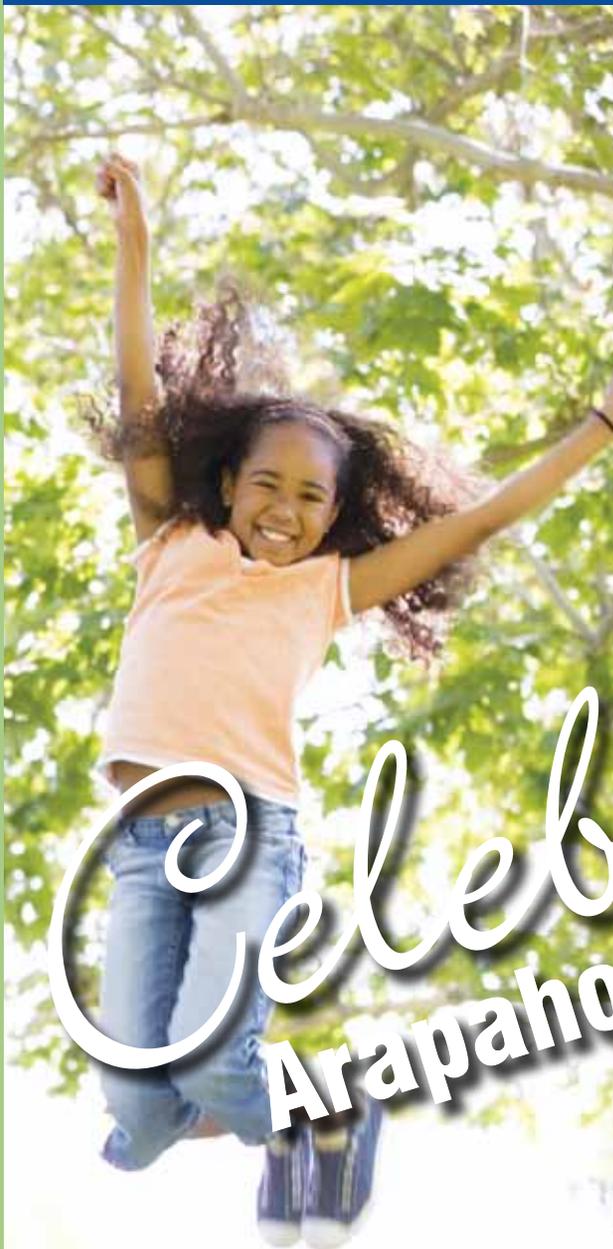


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**Reasons to**



*Celebrate*  
**Arapahoe County**

**2010 Annual Performance Report  
to the Citizens of Arapahoe County**

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## 2011 Arapahoe County Elected Officials



Corbin Sakdol  
Assessor



Nancy A. Doty  
Clerk and Recorder



Dr. Michael Dobersen  
Coroner



Carol Chambers  
District Attorney



Ana Maria Peters-Ruddick  
Public Trustee\*



J. Grayson Robinson  
Sheriff



Sue Sandstrom  
Treasurer

\* Public Trustee is appointed by the Governor

Arapahoe County Commissioners pictured on page 3.

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# Align Arapahoe making progress on initiatives and process improvements

In 2009, Arapahoe County launched Align Arapahoe and began a journey toward continuous improvement. What is Align Arapahoe? Simply stated: it's improving how we work so we can improve service to you.

With Align Arapahoe our day-to-day work is tied to 17 objectives, such as *Improve Trust in Government, Enhance Quality of Workforce, Improve Customer Experience* and *Increase Accountability*, to name a few.

By using performance measures and feedback to monitor progress, Align Arapahoe is helping us to make better program, service and budget decisions. So, where are we in the process? In 2010, we began several initiatives and process improvements.

## Customer Service Comment Cards

You may have noticed blue boxes appearing in offices throughout the County. These boxes provide an opportunity for you – our customers - to tell us how we are doing, and we are listening.

Customer service comment cards are an Align Arapahoe initiative that is defining areas for improvement, pointing out the things we are doing well and ultimately improving customer service.

In addition to the paper version, an online version of the survey is available on the web site. Survey comments are collected and tracked on a monthly basis.

## Performance Management

A Performance Management Advisory Board – a 20-member employee team – is improving the way we conduct annual performance reviews. The board is creating a uniform Performance Management process that will be used by all Departments and Offices. Ultimately, a new simplified form and process will reduce the time that supervisors and managers spend preparing reviews, provide better feedback to employees and improve customer service to you.

## Improve/Align Business Processes

Another initiative underway is Improve/Align Business Processes, which involves consolidating business process improvement projects countywide into a periodic report.

Business processes are being studied in Departments and Elected Offices to identify improvements that will increase efficiencies. During this process 'why do we do it this way?' and 'how can we do it better?' are asked.

The expected outcome of this objective is consistent, repeatable and efficient business processes that improve service to internal and external customers and result in greater satisfaction to customers and employees.

## Operational Assessments

Operational Assessments of Public Works and Development and Information Technology – a review of services and how they are provided by departments – was completed in 2010.

Since 1998, Arapahoe County has conducted operational assessments in order to give management information needed to make the best decisions on process or service improvements.

The Public Works and Information Technology assessments reviewed current department practices, procedures, strengths and weaknesses, interviewed and met with employees within the departments, as well as throughout the county and researched best practices for both departments.

A variety of recommendations to improve services, increase efficiencies and meet the business needs of the county are underway.

## Web Site Redesign

Our web site is one of our most important business and communication tools. Nearly 300,000 customers visit [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us) monthly to get information and to do business with Arapahoe County. Through your feedback, you've told us you want the County to make it easier to use. A web site redesign is underway. Watch for a new and improved web site in late 2011/early 2012.

If you would like to learn more about Align Arapahoe and how this innovative program is transforming Arapahoe County into one of the most effective and efficient governments in Colorado, visit our web site at [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us).



### Mission

Enhancing your quality of life through exceptional delivery of services and efficient use of public funds.

### Vision

First in Colorado, First in Service – Your County of Choice

# 150 Celebrate Arapahoe County Reasons to

Dear Citizens of Arapahoe County,

The date is Dec. 5, 1902 and it is the first meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Elected Officials of the new South Arapahoe County. Charles B. Patterson, Samuel R. Brown, Luke W. Terrell and Clerk and Recorder Charles A. Berdel are meeting at the home of Commissioner Patterson and their top priority is starting up the new Arapahoe County.



*Arapahoe County Officials in downtown Littleton circa 1904*

They quickly organized and just two short weeks later, they had arranged to use the Littleton Town Hall for meetings, worked with Denver for the custody and care of sick prisoners and set up a new court.

Arapahoe County has come a long way since its early days, but the mission, vision and values have not changed.

That same determination to be the best, to provide quality services and to

be good stewards of your tax dollars has carried on in our employees, elected officials and hundreds of volunteers and citizens who serve this great county every year.

In the spirit of our history and our 150th Anniversary, we are proud to present our Annual Report – *150 Reasons to Celebrate Arapahoe County*, which offers an overview of our many accomplishments in 2010.

Throughout this 16-page report you will see examples of the many ways in which we deliver quality services, use your tax dollars wisely and make a difference in the lives of Arapahoe County residents.

You will read about the Clerk and Recorder's new motor vehicle office in north Aurora; how the Sheriff's Office added jail capacity through triple bunks and improved efficiencies; and how the Treasurer's Office is saving \$40,000 by offering electronic tax notices.

You'll hear from Cheryl W. who secured a new job through Arapahoe/Douglas Works! after being unemployed for a year; the joy of an Aurora couple who adopted 2-year-old Lexi; and how our Veteran Services Office assisted a WWII veteran to obtain benefits years after military service.

Arapahoe County produces this report, which is printed on newsprint and distributed in your *Denver Post* and local community paper because – at roughly 17 cents a copy – it is an affordable manner in which to share this information with you.



**2011 Board of County Commissioners**  
*Commissioners Susan Beckman, Rod Bockenfeld and Frank Weddig  
Commissioners Nancy Jackson and Nancy N. Sharpe*

We've also included a quick reference of County phone numbers, a listing of services, as well as a quick overview of upcoming Sesquicentennial activities on page 15. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our first 150-plus years as Colorado's *First County*.

We are proud to call Arapahoe County home and we are honored to be able to serve you. Thank you for the opportunity and for helping to make Arapahoe County *First in Colorado, First in Service – Your County of Choice*.

Sincerely,

Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners

Susan Beckman  
District 1

Nancy N. Sharpe  
District 2  
Chair Pro Tem

Rod Bockenfeld  
District 3  
Chairman

Nancy Jackson  
District 4

Frank Weddig  
District 5

# Using Your Tax Dollars *Wisely*

## 2011 *Budget*

The County's 2011 budget is \$328.4 million and it continues core services and controls growth in operating expenses without impacting services.

Developing our budget is not just an annual event; it's a daily activity. We closely monitored our budget throughout the year, tightened our belts and exercised great discipline to make sure we did not spend more than our revenues.

We've focused on maintaining a balanced operating budget by using fund balances for one-time budget needs and capital projects instead of ongoing operations and by limiting growth of the County's general fund budget.

As a result, we have been able to control the growth in our operating expenses without impacting services to the citizens of Arapahoe County.

The 2011 Budget includes \$9.4 million for capital projects, of which:

- \$800,000 will be set aside for the I-25 and Arapahoe Road interchange project;
- \$600,000 will improve Quincy Avenue (Kiowa-Bennett Road to Strasburg Road);
- \$350,000 will improve the Dayton/Peakview intersection;
- \$900,000 will add a training track and parking lot for the Sheriff's Office at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Regional Park.

We also are resurfacing and expanding the parking lot of the Justice Center campus in Dove Valley, as well as improving security and expanding the lobbies of the two court buildings to better accommodate jurors and visitors.

Moving forward, Arapahoe County remains cautious in light of the economy and the results of the 2011 property revaluation, which could impact revenues for the County's 2012 and 2013 budgets.

## Property Tax Collection



### Your Tax Bill

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for collecting property taxes in Arapahoe County and distributing these funds back to cities, towns, school and special districts. Did you know that only 15.6 percent of your tax bill goes directly to Arapahoe County? Shown above is a breakdown of your tax bill.

### Tax Lien Sale

In 2010, the Treasurer's Office generated \$8.5 million during its online tax lien sale, which included \$247,000 in additional revenue for the County general fund.

### Electronic Tax Notices

The Treasurer's Office joined other counties in providing electronic tax notices and saved roughly \$40,000 in paper and postage. In 2010, the Colorado Legislature passed a law authorizing counties to provide electronic tax bills. Property owners have the option to take advantage of e-notices, or opt in to receive a paper copy. If you would like to receive a paper copy of your tax bill, contact the Treasurer's Office at 303-795-4550.

### Appraising Properties in the Current Economic Climate

Arapahoe County is a very diverse county with many areas reacting independently from the overall Denver Metro real estate market. Some values are going up and some down.

In summer 2010, the Assessor's Office began reappraising approximately 200,000 properties with a valuation date of June 30, 2010. They reviewed more than 20,000 property sales from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. The staff studied each neighborhood and each class of property and applied sound mass appraisal methodologies to provide property owners with the most accurate estimate of market value possible.

In May 2011, property owners will receive their Notices of Valuation. The current year value appearing in the notice represents an estimated market value of what your property would have sold for on the open market as of June 30, 2010.

## 1855

Governor Daniel Woodson creates Arapahoe County as a part of the Kansas Territory.

## 1858

E.W. Wynkoop is appointed Arapahoe County Sheriff by Governor James W. Denver of the Kansas Territory.



E. W. Wynkoop

## 1861

Governor William Gilpin organized the first Colorado Territorial Government. The State's first act was to divide the old Arapahoe County into 17 new counties, which included: Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Costilla, Douglas, El Paso, Fremont, Gilpin, Guadalupe, Huerfano, Jefferson, Lake, Larimer, Park, Pueblo, Summit and Weld.



Citizen Budget Committee reviews the budget for Tri-County Health Department.

### Citizen Budget Committee

Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, this panel of dedicated citizens reviews the County's proposed budget and other financial topics. The committee meets monthly to learn about County operations and gathers information to make recommendations to the Commissioners regarding financial decisions.

### Arapahoe/Douglas Works!

The metro-Denver region has benefited from millions in increased consumer spending, business earnings and sales resulting from job placement assistance through Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, according to a 2010 economic-impact report.

The report addressed the impact Arapahoe/Douglas Works! had on the Denver-Aurora Metropolitan area between July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. During that time, Arapahoe/Douglas Works! provided intensive job-training services to 15,431 people, and placed 3,769 individuals in jobs, which spurred 3,439 additional jobs in the region.

Aggregate business earnings rose by more than \$270 million and aggregate sales by more than \$484 million for targeted industries as a result of the employment and training provided by Arapahoe/Douglas Works! A full copy of the report is available at [www.adworks.org](http://www.adworks.org).

### Court Date Notification System

Rates for people who fail to appear in court continue to fall thanks to the County's Court Date Notification program, which aims to minimize the number of defendants who fail to appear in court by simply providing a court date reminder call. The failure to appear rate was cut in half for County Court and by two-thirds for District Court when a defendant was contacted by a volunteer caller. By decreasing the number of inmates arrested for failure-to-appear, the detention facility has seen a decrease of 6,839 jail bed days at an approximate cost of \$68 a day, which translates into a savings of \$465,052 in taxpayer dollars.

## A Closer *Look* Arapahoe County Detention Facility

To address jail overcrowding, the Sheriff's Office expanded capacity at the Detentions Facility by adding 272 beds for \$166,000, instead of the several millions of dollars required to construct traditional bed space.

New triple bunks replaced double bunks and fiberglass sleds and mattresses, and eliminated the practice of inmates sleeping on the floor, which ensures the Sheriff's Office remains in full compliance with detentions facility accreditation standards.

In addition to the cost-effective inmate bed space, the Sheriff's Office implemented a variety of initiatives that have reduced the impacts of jail overcrowding, such as:

- Trustee Good Time calculation, which has avoided roughly \$500,000 in inmate housing costs.
- Alien Inmate Trustee Program, which provides alien inmates with the opportunity to earn good time by performing meaningful tasks within the walls of the detentions facility.
- In coordination with the Judicial Services Division, implemented the Court Date Notification System, where volunteers contact individuals to remind them of upcoming court appearances.
- Implementation of the ADMIT program, which provides selected inmates diagnosed with mental health challenges the option to serve their sentence by participating in treatment and counseling under the supervision of the Aurora Mental Health Center.
- Participation in the new Mental Health Court by identifying inmates who would be better served from qualified mental healthcare rather than in jail.



Triple bunk cell in the Patrick J. Sullivan Detention Center

These measures have provided short-term solutions to jail overcrowding and long-term solutions are being evaluated. Watch for more information later this year.

### 1866

The Town of Bijou is founded and in 1870 it is renamed to Byers in honor of William N. Byers, the editor and owner of the now defunct *Rocky Mountain News*.



### 1869

The Town of Deer Trail holds the nation's first organized rodeo.



Bat Masterson

### 1896

William Barclay Masterson, better known as "Bat", serves as a deputy sheriff.

# Delivering Quality Services *to You*

## A Closer *Look* ADW Employment Services

After being laid off from her job, Cheryl W. came to Arapahoe/Douglas Works! seeking employment assistance. Enthusiastic about the services that the workforce center could provide, she began participating in a number of career-readiness workshops and worked with the 50+ & Fabulous Program.

After assessing her skill set, Cheryl was enrolled into the Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker Program and received a Professional Bookkeeping certificate from the Accounting and Business School of the Rockies. Now more marketable, Cheryl recently accepted a job as a high school admissions consultant for College America.



Cheryl W.

“After being unemployed for over a year with no interviews or job offers, one feels a great sense of hopelessness,” she said. “My situation began to change when I reached out for job search and education and training assistance at

the Arapahoe/Douglas Works! workforce center. The education and training services I received through the WIA Dislocated Worker Program enhanced my skills and aided in re-engaging my self worth.”

## Senior Services

Arapahoe County works hard to coordinate with communities and organizations to offer services that assist its 67,000 residents over age 60 in maintaining a healthy, active and independent life.

By partnering with First Transit, seniors received 11,799 rides to and from medical appointments, senior dining centers, grocery stores and food banks on small, wheelchair-accessible buses.

Through federal grants, Homemakers Services provided free, light housekeeping services to 388 senior residents for a few hours each month, while Chore Services assisted 235 seniors with heavier household chores, such as yard work and major cleaning or organizing projects.

More than 440 seniors in the eastern and western portions of the County received nutritious, home-delivered meals through the County’s support of local Meals on Wheels programs.

The County’s Adult Protection Team supported approximately 750 seniors and disabled adults who were victims of abuse, neglect, self-neglect or exploitation by connecting them with community-based services needed to keep them safe, healthy and supported.

## Child Support Enforcement

Every child needs and deserves financial support from both parents. The County’s Child Support Enforcement Division helped residents to establish, enforce or modify nearly 13,700 child support orders in 2010. Arapahoe County was the most effective of Colorado’s 10 large counties at working with non-custodial parties to get current or past-due child and medical support paid, and also had the largest increase in support orders established to benefit children.



2010 General Election voters at the Potter’s House in Aurora.

## Elections 2010

The Clerk and Recorder’s Office conducted a fair and accurate primary and general election to ensure that every vote counted. More than 73 percent of the County’s 273,435 total active voters cast a ballot in November, with a vast majority – 58.43 percent – voting by mail and 13.17 percent voting at one of 200 polling places on General Election Day.

## Preparing Tomorrow’s Workforce

In 2010, Arapahoe County’s average unemployment rate rose to 8.1 percent, but that number was closer to 25.8 percent for youth ages 14-21. As part of the Governor’s Summer Job Hunt, Arapahoe/Douglas Works!, the County’s workforce center, hosted no-cost job-search and work-readiness academies for 100 local youth.

## Improving Bridge Safety

Every year, Arapahoe County sets aside capital improvement funds to maintain and repair bridges to ensure they are structurally sound and safe for the traveling public. In 2010, the County began refurbishing the bridge for Quincy Avenue over Coal Creek, located a few miles east of E-470 in Aurora, which carries more than 2,200 cars a day. During construction, improvements were made to the bearing devices and piers under the bridge, with no impact on motorists.

## 1902

Arapahoe County was divided yet again into five counties: Yuma, Washington, Denver, Adams and South Arapahoe. A short time later, “south” was dropped from the name.

## 1902

New leaders meet in the home of Commissioner Charles B. Patterson. Their charge was to secure office space, which they rented from Littleton for \$50 a month. The first jail is located in the alley behind 2540 W. Main Street., in downtown Littleton.

## 1903

The Town of Littleton gets electricity.



## Community Support Services

As the economic downturn persists, large numbers of citizens continued to turn to Arapahoe County in need of cash, food or medical assistance in 2010. Food assistance caseloads rose 25 percent over 2009 to reach 19,385, while Medicaid caseloads rose 7.6 percent to a record 25,928. To better serve its clients, the County created an Information Ambassador volunteer position at the Littleton Human Services Office, and added six employees to help meet the increased demand.

## Weatherization

Arapahoe County's Weatherization Division received approximately \$5 million in federal and utility funding in 2010 to help low-income residents improve the energy efficiency of their homes and reduce costs. Crews completed weatherization services in 1,123 homes by installing insulation, sealing air leaks and taking other conservation measures. The Division is one of the top-performing agencies in the state for number of households served and cost-effectiveness of weatherization services.

## Annual Road Maintenance Online

Each year from April to October, Public Works and Development conducts a variety of road maintenance projects in an effort to maintain and enhance the quality of our roads. Roadwork can consist of replacing deteriorated curbs, gutters and sidewalks, crack sealing and or street resurfacing or rehabilitation. For the first time, residents could easily find out what construction work was scheduled near them in 2010 using a new online map made available at [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us).

## Sheriff's Biometric ID System

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office became the first law enforcement agency in Colorado to begin identifying criminals, missing children and seniors using biometric analysis of the human eye. A digital scanner takes images of the iris, which is considered 12 times more reliable for identification than a fingerprint. Residents are able to register children and elderly family members in case they ever go missing and are unable to identify themselves to authorities.



Sheriff J. Grayson Robinson testing out the Biometric Identification System digital scanner during a press conference.

## A Closer *Look* Aurora Driver's License Renewal Office

Renewing a new driver's license is more convenient with the opening of a fourth motor vehicle office at 15400 E. 14th Place in Aurora. The new office joins existing Clerk and Recorder locations in Centennial and Littleton, where residents can access driving records, out-of-state transfers, testing to transfer from a permit to a driver's license, motorcycle endorsements, voter registration and name and address changes. The four Motor Vehicle offices in Arapahoe County interact with our citizens more than 800,000 times a year, and renewed 33,663 licenses in 2010.



Clerk and Recorder employees Sarah Kirkpatrick, Tracey Wise, Dan Nadermann, Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty, Victoria Krupke and Bridget Gurule celebrate the grand opening of the Altura Plaza Motor Vehicle Office.

## Easier Access to Recorded Documents

Residents can enjoy more efficient transactions when seeking real estate records or applying for marriage licenses, thanks to new automated recording software in the Clerk and Recorder's Office. The 'smart' software captures information directly from scanned documents and inputs it into the recording system, while still removing confidential information. The new system also allows citizens to do more online, such as search for and purchase document copies or submit an application for a marriage license.

## Clerk to the Board and Recording Division

The Clerk and Recorder's Recording Division issued 3,402 passports and 3,768 marriage licenses in 2010. The Clerk to the Board Division recorded and transcribed 277 meetings for the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of Adjustment, and the Planning Commission.

## 1904

The Clerk and Recorder pays \$7 for a ballot box from Thos E. McNulty Ballot Box Company. The ballot box was one of 24 boxes purchased for the election to determine the new County seat. Littleton is named the County seat.



## 1906

Arapahoe County holds its first County Fair.



## 1907

Arapahoe County builds a grand Courthouse at Littleton Boulevard and Court Place for \$51,845.

# Helping to Make a *Difference*

## A Closer *Look* Foster and Adoption Services

Two year-old Lexi is legally blind, although she can see dark contrasts and bright lights. The round-faced toddler is very smart and is learning to read Braille. Next year in preschool, Lexi will start learning to walk with a cane. For more than half of her short life, Lexi was in foster care after being neglected by her biological family, who later relinquished their legal rights to raise her.

Lexi was one of 150 foster children who were welcomed into a 'forever family' as part of the County's adoption program in 2010. She was adopted by her foster family, Christopher and Noel of Aurora, who embraced becoming foster parents after learning they were unable to have their own children.

While the County makes every effort to reunify foster children with their families, sometimes concerns for their well-being and safety go unresolved, and a small percentage become legally free for adoption. There are approximately 30 children at any time who are waiting for an adoptive family.

Noel and Lexi



## Volunteer Service

Volunteer service in Arapahoe County hit a new record in 2010 with more than 400 citizens donating 33,034 hours of service to the County in tough economic times. The Arapahoe County Commissioners accepted a symbolic check for more than \$709,000, representing budget relief to the County provided by those volunteer hours.



Commissioners Nancy Jackson and Frank Weddig accept a check from Val Purser for the 2010 hours of volunteer service.

## Treats for Troops

Employees and community organizations donated baked goods to the County's second annual Treats for Troops Bake Sale in advance of Veterans Day, benefiting Freedom Service Dogs. The Englewood-based non-profit organization used the funds to pay for a harness, one of the highest costs incurred when it rescues dogs from shelters and trains them to assist veterans who face life-altering disabilities after serving our country.

## Beyond The Patrol

Sheriff Grayson Robinson and employees of the Sheriff's Office helped raise 53,918 pounds of food and more than \$11,600 through their participation in the 28th annual 9Cares Colorado Shares Holiday Drive. The agency's employees also delivered hundreds of toys to the Children's Hospital eighth annual Cops Fighting Cancer Toy Run and KYGO Christmas Crusade for Children, and raised more than \$250,000 for Colorado Special Olympics.

## 4-H for Youth

Nearly 300 youth, ages 5 to 18, explored general, home economic and animal-related projects through the County's 4-H program and exhibited at the Arapahoe County Fair. Caring volunteer leaders guide the youth in 28 local 4-H clubs, helping them to develop life skills, such as leadership, teamwork and responsibility.

## Land Fraud Alert System

Citizens who own property within Arapahoe County can now register to be notified when a lien or other document is filed in their name, thanks to a new alert system offered by the Clerk and Recorder's Office. The system helps to protect citizens from land fraud, which can occur when criminals illegally place a lien against properties or transfer homes to their name for profit.

## Victim Assistance

Victim assistance advocates in the Sheriff's Office provide immediate crisis intervention to thousands of crime victims each year, ranging from victims of domestic violence or assault to families of homicide victims or missing persons. Currently there are 35 citizen volunteers who have completed the Sheriff's Office annual 50-hour Victim Assistance Training Academy and share their time to provide around-the-clock support to victims.

## Community Emergency Response Team

Sixty volunteers graduated from the Community Emergency Response Team training program co-sponsored by the Sheriff's Office and South Metro Fire/Rescue. CERT teaches residents how to care for themselves, their families, home, neighbors and community if a large-scale incident should occur and first responders are not available. The 32-hour course includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations and light search and rescue operations.

## Coroner's Office

The Office of Coroner Mike Dobersen, M.D., PhD. investigates all sudden or unattended deaths throughout the County, and is responsible for distributing accurate and timely information to family members, law enforcement and other stakeholders. The Coroner's Office investigated 2,483 deaths and completed 408 autopsies in 2010.

**1907**

Residents of the Town of Fletcher petition to change their name to Aurora.

**1933**

Elizabeth A. Mackin becomes the first woman to serve as Arapahoe County Coroner.



**1945**

Undersheriff Ben Gorman is the first deputy sheriff to die in the line of duty. His name is later listed on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.

## Collaborating for Kids

Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties work together to certify and support foster families for children and youth who have suffered a loss or been removed from a harmful environment. The Collaborative Foster Care Program launched a new web site at [www.collaborativefostercare.com](http://www.collaborativefostercare.com) to address the need for foster and adoptive homes for approximately 1,000 children at any given time in both counties. The team welcomed just over 100 new foster homes in 2010.

## Judicial Services Toyland Project

The Toyland Project donated 4,771 handmade toys and fleece blankets, gloves and other items in 2010 to non-profit and charitable organizations. These items were made by citizens fulfilling court-ordered community service hours, and are passed along as gifts to children and individuals in need.

## Feral Cat Population

In an effort to manage the growing population of feral cats in Byers and Strasburg, Public Works and Development held an awareness workshop and solicited donations for a humane trap/neuter/release program. Local veterinary clinics offered discounted mobile services to neuter cats, with costs covered entirely by fundraising. The effort resulted in 60 felines being neutered and released or adopted, preventing the birth of 1,400 fewer homeless cats in the community over the next five years.

## Healthy Traffic Signals

Traffic signals in unincorporated Arapahoe County get a wellness check-up each year to determine how 'healthy' and safe they are for the traveling public. The computerized system helps the County to prioritize signal maintenance and replacement needs. This innovative program received a first-place award from the Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

## Operation Medicine Cabinet

The Sheriff's Office collected more than 9,200 pounds of expired medications or unneeded prescription drugs at two locations during this annual national event. Properly disposing of medications reduces the risk of accidental poisoning, theft and drug abuse, misuse of medication and pollution of our groundwater and waterways.



A citizen drops off unwanted medicine during Operation Medicine Cabinet.

## 1965

The Great South Platte River flood was the biggest and costliest disaster in Littleton's history and renewed interest in Chatfield Dam.



## 1968

Centennial Airport, known then as Arapahoe County Airport, officially opens and is billed as the finest general aviation airport in the West.



## 1968

Cinderella City opened in Englewood. It was the largest mall west of the Mississippi at that time.

## A Closer Look Veterans Services

When decorated Army veteran Ralph Kleiger approached the County for assistance with filing a claim for veteran benefits, his life story immediately resonated with Veterans Service Officer Rick Stewart.



Ralph Kleiger and Rick Stewart

The Aurora resident served in the 36th Infantry Division in World War II and experienced some of the most dramatic combat missions during the war. After serving our country honorably, Ralph returned to Colorado and started several small businesses, including the Cozy Inn bar in Aurora and a local flight academy.

Given the complexity of America's veterans benefit system, Stewart supported Ralph with filing a claim for service-connected disability, a monetary benefit paid to veterans who are disabled by an injury or illness that was incurred or aggravated during active military service. The retired entrepreneur, husband and father of two now receives benefits and VA health care — a well-deserved tribute for his service to our country.

"It's an unbelievable gift, something I never expected and something I really needed," said Ralph Kleiger. "The services provided by Rick have been at the highest level. He has a terrific personality and is sincere and honest."

## Back-to-School Safety

Getting kids and families safely to and from school was the priority of Operation Safe Start, a traffic safety campaign. The Sheriff's Office increased messaging to affect driver's behaviors and added patrols in the City of Centennial and unincorporated areas to enforce seat belt laws, school zone speed limits and safe driving around school buses.

## Shred to Protect Your Identity

Hundreds of citizens took part in the third annual Metro Denver Crime Stoppers Shred-a-thon. The Arapahoe County site collected almost \$9,878 to benefit the Metro Crime Stoppers and 52,000 pounds of documents were shredded, helping residents protect their identity from potential thieves.

## Adopt a Family

More than 1,000 children, adults and seniors in need were given a special holiday season through this annual employee-run, charitable gift-giving program. County residents, staff and organizations generously gave wrapped gifts from the needs and wish lists of their neighbors, ranging from basic household items and diapers to toys and bicycles.

## Honoring Crime Victims

Victims' Rights Week pays tribute to crime victims and the advocates and public servants who work with them. The County recognized these individuals with an April ceremony, resource fair and poster contest for high school students.

# Building Partnerships

## A Closer Look Parker and Arapahoe Road Improvements

Chances are you've driven through the Parker and Arapahoe Road intersection. More than 110,000 cars pass through the intersection daily and traffic is expected to grow to 170,000 by 2030.

In 1998, when Commissioners sought to improve this important transportation corridor, they discovered funding wouldn't be available until 2031. But, they didn't waiver.

Working with the Colorado Department of Transportation, the County began smaller improvement projects to Parker and Arapahoe roads until June 2010 when construction began on the final phase – 21 years earlier than anticipated thanks to the \$50.5 million contributed by the federal and state government, including an \$8.9 million match by Arapahoe County.

Construction is expected to be completed by November 2011.



Arapahoe County Commissioners and CDOT officials break ground on Parker and Arapahoe Road improvements.

## Inverness Drive Pedestrian Bridge

Surrounded by a sea of orange, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners and more than 400 guests celebrated the grand opening of the Inverness Drive West Light Rail Pedestrian Bridge.

The \$2.5 million project was funded by Inverness Metropolitan Improvement District, Arapahoe County and the Federal Highway Administration American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds distributed by the Denver Regional Council of Governments. The bridge links the Dry Creek Light Rail Station to Vallagio at Inverness, a popular, successful and forward-thinking transit oriented development.

Its location provides an ideal link to major employment centers and encourages pedestrian, bicycle and light rail use.

## Citizen Boards and Committees

Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, 154 citizen volunteer their time and talents on 24 advisory boards and committees to help shape our community and take part in the decision-making process. Committees cover a wide range of topics, from arts and 4-H youth development, to the Planning and Zoning Commission and employee retirement plan.

## Spring Cleanup in Byers, Strasburg

Drive around the towns of Byers and Strasburg and you'll see homes with a whole new curb appeal, thanks to two annual cleanups sponsored by Arapahoe County.

Residents filled 21 dumpsters provided by the County at no charge with useless outdoor items such as tree limbs, old lawn furniture and scrap lumber as they worked to spruce up the town.

Partnering with the community to sponsor the annual cleanup is a cost effective way to help residents discard unused outdoor items and help keep the community clean. Thanks to our volunteers, Swims Disposal Service, D&D Water Service, the Strasburg Recreation District and Byers Street Decoration and Beautification Committee for their support.



Representatives from Vallagio and Inverness Metropolitan District join County Commissioners in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Inverness Drive Pedestrian Bridge.

## Parker Road Corridor Study and 2035 Transportation Plan

Two key transportation plans, which outline proposed improvements in unincorporated Arapahoe County and along the Parker Road Corridor, were adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2010.

The 2035 Transportation Plan, which is an update of the County's 2020 plan adopted in 2002, includes proposed guidelines and improvements to a multi-modal transportation network within unincorporated Arapahoe County. It also includes information from recent corridor studies, as well as transportation plans from the Denver Regional Council of Governments and local cities and towns.

The Parker Road Corridor Study details proposed transportation improvements along the corridor between Hampden Avenue and E-470. The study considers all modes of transportation, including mass transit, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. It also addresses the larger role Parker Road plays in north-south mobility as it extends south from Denver to Douglas County. The study was funded by the Federal Highway Administration, Arapahoe County, Douglas County and the City of Aurora.

### 1977

Arapahoe County builds a new Administration Building at 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton and County Planner Tom Stamm creates the County's logo, seal and flag.



### 1982

Arapahoe County participates in the Western Welcome Week Parade.



### 1987

Arapahoe County Justice Center and Jail is built.

## Coroner's Office Partners with Community

Investigating deaths is the primary role of the Coroner's Office, but the staff works in partnership with law enforcement, paramedics and medical students by hosting educational and training sessions on the role of the County Coroner.

## Partnering for Public Safety

Helping to keep our county safe is the primary mission of Sheriff's Office employees and they do so, in part, by working in partnership with several regional law enforcement organizations and task forces, all with a focus on public safety and emergency management. Arapahoe County, Adams County, Boulder County, Broomfield City and County, Clear Creek County, City and County of Denver, Douglas County, Elbert County, Jefferson County and Gilpin County comprise the North Central Homeland Security and All-Hazards Region, serving the 2.4 million residents of the metro area in a collaborative effort. The North Central Region has been in existence since 2002 to coordinate regional all-hazards planning, response, recovery and mitigation, as well as providing critical equipment to local public safety agencies. Sheriff Grayson Robinson serves as the chair of the NCR Board.

In addition to the NCR, the Sheriff's Office is a strong partner in the South Metro Drug Task Force, the Joint Terrorism Task Force, the Denver Metro Auto Theft Task Force, the East Metro Auto Theft Task Force, the Safe Streets Task Force, the Front Range Drug Task Force, the Fugitive Location and Apprehension Group and the Colorado Emergency Managers Association. These efforts are dedicated to providing critical regional public safety services in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

## I-25 and Arapahoe Road Environmental Assessment

The environmental assessment of I-25 and Arapahoe Road – a 12- to 18-month study to evaluate reasonable alternatives for improvements to this busy and important interchange is underway. Arapahoe County is funding the assessment in conjunction with the Federal Highway Works Administration, CDOT and the cities of Centennial and Greenwood Village. It is designed to identify a preferred alternative, if appropriate, that would be eligible for funding and future construction. The study process will include documentation and re-evaluation of the reasonable alternatives previously considered from the earlier Arapahoe Road Corridor Study, System Level Feasibility Study and evaluation of newly suggested reasonable alternatives.

## Census 2010

In 2010 you were counted and today Arapahoe County is the third largest county in Colorado, thanks to the partnership and collaboration of residents, cities, towns, school districts, businesses and faith-based organizations who all participated. Census data is used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities. An accurate count also is important to communities as the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to communities, based in part, on census data.

## Inverness Bridge Over Cottonwood

Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians on Inverness Bridge now experience safer driving conditions thanks to the completion of a lane-widening project by Arapahoe County and the Inverness Metropolitan Improvement District. The bridge was widened as part of the County's annual bridge rehabilitation program.

## A Closer *Look* Wildland Firefighters

Employees from the Sheriff's Office and Open Spaces earned their Wildland Firefighter certifications to assist and support rural firefighters. To aid the Wildland Firefighting crew, the Sheriff's Office purchased a 3,000 gallon water tender, a Type-7 wildland engine and converted a one-ton truck into a Type 6 wildland fire engine. This equipment and the trained crew enables the Sheriff's Office to quickly respond to fires in rural Arapahoe County and other communities.



Arapahoe County Wildland Firefighters

## I-70 Corridor Study

Communities along the eastern I-70 corridor of Arapahoe and Adams Counties are uniquely different from the Denver Metro Area. And, in surveys last year, residents shared their appreciation for the friendly, rural way of life of Byers and Strasburg while also identifying their priorities and concerns. Eastern Arapahoe County communities and organizations are working together to create a regional, eastern I-70 corridor that maintains its rural identity, but also encourages the right amount of economic development that improves infrastructure, creates local jobs and contributes to a sustainable economy.

In 2010, the Regional Economic Advancement Partnership, along with Adams County, Arapahoe County, Aurora, Bennett, Byers, Deer Trail, Watkins, Strasburg and the many business partners and residents of the corridor, worked together to collect data that identifies opportunities and constraints for future development along the corridor. To learn more about the I-70 Corridor Study, visit [www.I-70reap.com](http://www.I-70reap.com).

## Arapahoe County Fair

More than 23,000 people took part in a Barnyard Boogie at the 2010 Arapahoe County Fair, which saw a 19 percent increase in livestock entries and 5 percent increase in Open Class entries. Our Fair would not be successful without the hard work and dedication of hundreds of volunteers who help us during this five-day event. If you'd like to volunteer, submit a favorite project in our Open Class Competition, or bring your family to the Arapahoe County Fair, July 20-24, 2011, visit us on Facebook or at [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com).

### 1997

The Board of County Commissioners expands from three commissioners to five.



### 1998

The County sells its courthouse to Littleton and the City restores it to its grand luster.

### 2000

Assessor's Office is the first to offer online property protests.

# Mapping Out a Greener *Future*



Youth in Littleton now have easy access to the highest slide in all of the South Suburban Park & Recreation District, thanks to the completion of East Elementary Park Playground in Littleton.



Dads celebrated some extra special family time during the Hills at Cherry Creek Park grand re-opening on Father's Day in Centennial where families enjoy a new playground, basketball half-court, putting green and more.

Thanks to the generous voters who approved the 2003 Arapahoe County Open Space Sales and Use Tax, tremendous strides have been made to protect the County's unique lands and natural resources and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities through parks and trails.

This tax is equal to 25 cents on every \$100 purchase. Through partnerships we are working to protect our treasured parks, trails and open spaces for residents to enjoy today and forever, making it easier than ever for families to get outside and enjoy the outdoors.

## Open Space Master Plan

Arapahoe County completed its Open Space Master Plan thanks to feedback from thousands of residents during the last year. The plan outlines a 100-year-vision, 25-year master plan and 5-year action plan to acquire, conserve, protect and steward natural resources. Key recommendations include creating an interconnected countywide system of trails and protecting natural resources that include water quality and wildlife habitats of key riparian corridors through conservation efforts.

## Funding City, Town and District Parks

In June, Arapahoe County distributed nearly \$8.7 million in open space shareback funds to cities and towns and awarded nearly \$1.9 million in grants for open space, park and trail projects.

## Underpass to Increase Safety

Currently pedestrians and cyclists on the High Line Canal must cross four lanes of traffic on Iliff Avenue. In 2010, Arapahoe County, CDOT and local residents met to discuss a trail underpass. Once complete, the result will be a much safer trail crossing that also minimizes impacts to vehicle traffic. Construction is scheduled for fall 2011.

## 13 Acres Purchased along Cherry Creek

Plans are underway to provide a new trailhead with access to the Cherry Creek Trail at the County's recently-purchased 13 acres of open space near Arapahoe Road in Centennial.

## Parks, Playgrounds and Trails – Oh My!

Throughout the year, Arapahoe County joined cities and recreation districts to celebrate the completion of several open space grant projects.

### Larkspur Park

Residents in Aurora can now touch, taste, feel, smell and see their way through new Larkspur Park. This 7-acre neighborhood park invites children and adults to experience the outdoors using all five senses.

### Pedestrian Safety in Greenwood Village

Pedestrian safety is improved for residents in Greenwood Village now that the undercrossing and trail beneath Orchard Road connecting Tommy Davis Park to Orchard Hills Park is complete.

### South Suburban's Puma Park

Kids and adults alike are having fun thanks to recent improvements at Puma Park in Centennial. From little leaguers and picnicking families to cyclists and soccer players, there's something for everyone to get excited about.

## Enhancing the High Line Canal

In April 2010, Arapahoe County pledged \$3 million in Open Space funds to bring the 19 agencies that serve the 66 miles of terrain along the High Line Canal together. The High Line Canal Working Group was established as a collaborative effort to secure funding for and implement projects that enhance and protect its unique recreation experience.

## 2001

The 17 Mile House along Parker Road is saved from development. Centennial becomes the 13th incorporated city in Arapahoe County.



## 2002

Arapahoe County opens CentrePoint Plaza in Aurora and the new Sheriff's Administration/Coroner's Facility in Centennial.



## 2003

The largest blizzard since 1913 drops 3 feet of snow on Arapahoe County.

## Cherry Creek Basin Working Group

In 2008, the 20 agencies of the Cherry Creek Basin Working Group pledged to work together to beautify and enhance the Cherry Creek Trail, one of the metro area's most treasured trails. In 2010, the Parker Jordan Metropolitan District and City of Centennial purchased 107 acres of open space to connect a missing section of trail along the Creek.

## Broncos Parkway Trailhead at Cherry Creek

Last fall, bikers, hikers and dog walkers received a new trailhead to park and get on the Cherry Creek Trail. Project partners included: Arapahoe County, Parker Jordan Metropolitan District, Centennial, Tagawa Gardens and Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority.

## More Awards for South Platte Working Group

Arapahoe County and a coalition of 24 cities, towns and local organizations working to beautify and enhance the South Platte River won the 2010 Blue Grama Award for Outstanding Achievement by the Colorado Open Space Alliance. The award recognizes efforts to improve the river corridor with new trail connections and 45+ new acres of open space.

## Restoration of 17 Mile House

In 2010, Arapahoe County received a \$175,000 grant for building rehabilitation from the State Historical Fund for the county's historic 17 Mile House Farm Park. The County matched the grant with \$112,600 in Open Space funds.



To decrease erosion and beautify the trail, volunteers planted cottonwood trees and cut and planted willow whips along the Cherry Creek at the 17 Mile House Farm Park.

## Open Space Brings in the Green

Arapahoe County hosted presentations on the Economic Benefits of Greenspace, demonstrating that open space also brings in the "green" in the form of new sources of revenue, job creation and higher home valuations.



As the 2010 Our Progress Takes Flight Stewardship Award winner, Aurora works diligently to enhance park, trail and open space opportunities for residents.

## Stewardship Award

Congratulations to the City of Aurora, which won Arapahoe County's 2010 *Our Progress Takes Flight Stewardship Award*. Aurora displays outstanding leadership and serves as a role model for putting Arapahoe County Open Space funds to work: completing numerous projects from preserving the County's only forest of Ponderosa Pine to building new parks, renovating others and connecting trails.

## Preserving our Prairie

To protect water quality, native vegetation, wildlife habitat and our agricultural history, Arapahoe County purchased 476 acres of open space at Kiowa Creek South, just 10 miles south of Bennett for \$950,000 in Open Space funds.

## Newest Open Space Jewel: Bijou Basin

The word "Bijou" is French for "jewel" or "gem" and that's exactly what Arapahoe County protected with its most recent open space acquisition of 2,800 acres near Byers for \$2.69 million in Open Space funds.



Bijou Basin Open Space protects extensive cottonwood galleries and short grass prairie that supports a diversity of wildlife and native shrubs such as juniper, scrub oak and wild plum.

## 2006

The Arapahoe County Fairgrounds opens to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the County Fair.

## 2007

Eastern Service Center opens.



## 2011

Arapahoe County celebrates 150+ years of serving the citizens of this great community.

# Awards, Recognition and *Achievement*

## Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Grayson Robinson was re-appointed to the Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. The 26-member commission makes recommendations for the improvement of the administration of justice, after completing comprehensive examinations of the justice system and evaluating promising reforms.

The Sheriff's Office continues to earn international accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. In 2010 the Communications Center was recognized by CALEA for the second year in a row. The Detentions Center was reaccredited through the National Commission on Correctional Health Care for their Medical Unit.

## Purchasing Recognized for Excellence

The Purchasing Division received the 2010 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing Organization.



Purchasing Division

## County Fair Awards

Communication Services and Fair staff won four awards through the International Association of Fairs and Expositions for the 2010 *Barnyard Boogie* marketing campaign. They also won a first and second place award for its Overall Agricultural Program for the Non-Agricultural Public; and the Fair and Sponsor/Partner Joint Exhibit Program with Royal Crest Dairy and Farmer Brown's Mini Farm and Petting Zoo.

Debbie Galle was recognized as the Fair Person of the Year from the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs.

Communication Services received three national awards from 3CMA, the City-County Communications and Marketing Association, for its 2009 Arapahoe County Fair *Go Hog Wild* campaign, *Cirque du Volontaires'* event and the County's employee appreciation event.

## Public Works Association

Facilities and Fleet Management and Public Works and Development won four awards from the Colorado Chapter of American Public Works Association for the Traffic Health Index Program, Peoria Facility Runoff Control Plan, the District Attorney's new office tenant improvements and Align Arapahoe, a strategic performance management system.

## Treasurer's Office

The Treasurer's Office received an Award for Excellence from the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada for investment strategies that earned the County 3.59 percent during 2010, more than double the national average for county investment portfolios.

## Assessor's Office Passes State Audit

The 2010 Property Assessment Study, conducted by an independent appraisal company, found the Assessor's Office met or exceeded all standards set by the State Board of Equalization.

## County Commissioners

Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld was re-appointed to serve as Chairman of the Fiscal Policy Subcommittee of the Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee. He also was elected chairman of the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

Commissioner Susan Beckman was appointed chair of the Colorado Counties Inc., Health and Human Services Steering committee.

## Celebrating Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth

Arapahoe County Commissioners joined elected officials from eight counties at the Metropolitan Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award Banquet to recognize youth who have shown outstanding achievement while overcoming personal adversity or who have created a positive change in their environment.



MMCYA Awards

## A Closer *Look* Armed Forces Voter

When Major Jeff Roper received an e-mail from the Clerk and Recorder's Office in October 2010 containing a ballot and instructions for the electronic absentee voting process, he was impressed.



Major Jeff Roper

Stationed at Scott Air Force Base Command Post in Illinois, he appreciated the opportunity to vote in the election while away from home and was impressed the Clerk and Recorder's Office was tracking down military service members and sending out the ballots.

"Thanks for enabling Colorado residents serving in the military to vote so easily," Roper said. "I appreciate your help, diligence and dedication. Tracking down the military service members definitely demonstrates a level of care that I didn't expect to receive."

## Elections Staff Obtain State Certification

Three employees in the Elections Division received their Help America Vote Act state certification. This means the majority of the staff is now certified, and the newest employees are working toward earning their certification.

## Coroner Staff Appointed to Committees

Dr. Michael Dobersen is a member of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Cold Case Unit, in which a select group of law enforcement, investigators, coroners and medical examiners investigate unsolved homicides.

Dr. Kelly Lear-Kaul is a member of the Child Fatality Committee, which reviews child deaths. Coroner employees also participate in the North Central Regional Fatality Management Committee to prepare for mass disasters.

## Distinguished Citizen Award

Mike Rosser received the Commissioners' first Distinguished Citizen Award for his visionary leadership with the County's Open Space Program. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated leadership and service excellence, and have created a positive, lasting change on Arapahoe County through their volunteer work.

# Contact



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Career Development, 50+ & Fabulous,  
Employer Recruitment, Youth Services  
303-636-1160 • 303-636-1207 TDD  
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## Assessor's Office

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Disabled Veteran Exemption  
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Sessions, Legislative Issues,  
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## Clerk and Recorder's Office

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Driver's License Renewal, Marriage License,  
Passports, Voter Registration  
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## Community Resources

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Corrections, Community Development  
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Community Development, Judicial Services,  
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Services, Volunteer Connections  
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## Coroner's Office

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<http://arapahoe.cojury.org>

## District Attorney's Office

Bad Check Restitution Program,  
Communities Against Senior Exploitation  
Partnership, Consumer Fraud and  
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Assessment Center, Juvenile Diversion,  
Victim and Witness Advocates  
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Needy Families, Low Income Energy  
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Services, Low-Income Childcare Assistance,  
Foster and Adoption Program, Family  
Empowerment, Child Support Enforcement  
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## Open Spaces

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## Public Works and Development

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Zoning, Road and Bridge, Weed Control  
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Education, Environmental Health,  
Family Planning and Prenatal Care,  
Immunizations, Nutrition, Restaurant  
Inspections  
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## 150<sup>th</sup> Activities

Arapahoe County was created in August 1855 by Governor Daniel Woodson of the Kansas Territory. The size of the original Arapahoe County was vast – 5,220 square miles, 30 miles wide, 174 miles long stretching to the Kansas line.

Just six years later, in 1861, Governor William Gilpin organized the first Colorado Territorial Government and the State's first act was to divide the old Arapahoe County into 17 new counties.

Throughout 2011, Arapahoe County will celebrate our first 150+ years with a series of sesquicentennial events and activities. Many events and activities are still in the early planning stages, but we will keep you posted on our web site and Facebook. Here is a highlight of the anniversary activities in store for 2011:

### Pioneer Passport

Grab your Pioneer Passport for a Journey through Time by participating in a scavenger hunt, which will lead you to locations throughout Arapahoe County to answer historical trivia questions. The first 150 people to fill in their Pioneer Passport will receive a commemorative coin, but all participants who submit a completed passport will be entered to win a \$150 VISA gift card and other prizes. For Passport locations, visit our web site.

### Aurora's Kidspre

What better way to celebrate Arapahoe County's 150th birthday than by building a giant mural-sized birthday card at Kidspre in Aurora, July 16 – 17, 2011. You'll meet Parker Pig, Henry Horse and Connie Cow as they lead a coloring activity and the construction of a giant birthday card to be displayed at the County's Administration Building.

### Arapahoe County Fair

Having Fun Since 1861 is the theme of this year's Arapahoe County Fair, July 20 – 24, 2011, which features old-western activities such as rodeos, mutton bustin', demolition derby, agriculture displays, 4-H contests and the ever popular cow-patty toss. For more info visit [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com).

### Western Welcome Week

Join us Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 as we showcase the 150 Reasons to Celebrate Arapahoe County during Littleton's Western Welcome Week parade and festival. We're hosting an old-fashioned birthday party by serving up free cake, singing happy birthday and making birthday hats out of recycled materials.

# Commissioner *Districts*

Arapahoe County is our home. When people ask, "Where do you work?" we are proud to say Arapahoe County. It is rewarding to represent this wonderful community and we are happy to serve you.

Thank you for helping us to make Arapahoe County *First in Colorado, First in Service – Your County of Choice.*

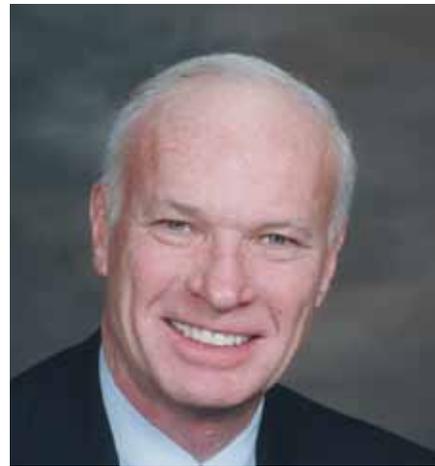
On this page you will find a Commissioner District map, which has been condensed for space, where you can easily find the commissioner that represents you.

Arapahoe County Commissioners meet for administrative and study sessions on Mondays and for public hearings and study sessions on Tuesdays. Copies of Commissioners' agendas are posted on our web site at [www.co.arapahoe.co.us](http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us).

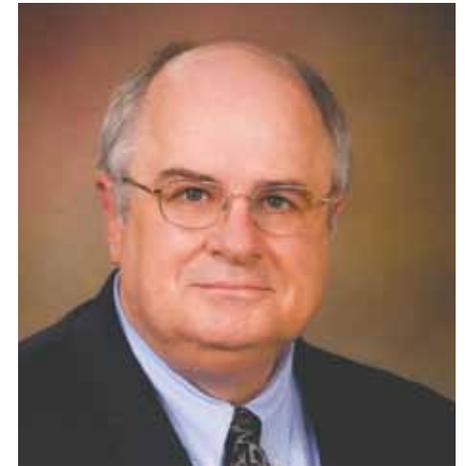
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